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Pictured at the Open House held February 1 in the new offices of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union are young people from Valley Stream Presbyterian Church with their pastor, Rev. William Ward. Furnishings, paint, labor, etc., for the new headquarters, located at 17 Beekman Avenue, North Tarrytown, were donated by friends of Christian Endeavor. These youth had previously made the 70-mile trip to North Tarrytown to assist in painting. Many Endeavorers participated in the Open House ceremonies. The day was climaxed by a special Christian Endeavor meeting at nearby First Reformed Church.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary . . . .

YOUR WILL!

The preparation of a Christian will is an act of Christian stewardship. There is no way of having your wishes carried out unless you make a will. If you do make a will you have assurance that your wishes will be carried out. Consult your lawyer. Include the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your will. Write to the General Secretary for additional information.

MANY SHARED!

Hosts of Christian Endeavorers and friends of Christian Endeavor from every part of North America, and some from more distant places, helped to bring success to the 1959 Membership Mobilization. We are grateful to all of you. We thank God for blessing these efforts and we thank Him for each of you who shared. There is still much to be done; we need seven hundred additional members in 1959 in order to meet the figure we anticipated from annual memberships. Did you respond? We count heavily on you! Send your membership today.

WILL YOU PRAY?

You will want to know that on February 28 our beloved associate and leader, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, was admitted to a hospital in New York City. He submitted to surgery on Wednesday, March 4. Already there is real evidence of answered prayer, for he is responding well and is coming along nicely. Will you continue to lift him up in prayer, that God will quickly restore him to good health that he may return to his rightful place of active service.

IN THE FIELD!

We are rejoicing at new advances made in the extension of organized Christian Endeavor work in many places. Christian Endeavor Week 1959 saw the organization of a New Mexico State Christian Endeavor Union. Largely under the leadership of Ralph E. May, Denver, Colorado, lawyer and vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Rocky Mountain Region, an organization in New Mexico was developed at a Birthday Banquet in Albuquerque. Leroy B. Mills, minister of Christ's Church, Albuquerque, is the new president.

WITH OUR TRUSTEES!

Reverend and Mrs. Charles W. Barner, St. Matthew's Evangelical Congregational Church, Emmaus, Pennsylvania, are receiving congratulations on the birth of Bruce Eric. Mr. Barner is the vice-chairman of the Program Council of the International Society. Dr. Elmer Becker, president of Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, and trustee of the International Society, recently made a sad trip to his hometown in Canada, to bury his mother. We express our sympathy to Christina E. MacAskill, of Allston, Massachusetts, former executive secretary of the Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union, on the death of her sister.

A LIGHT SHINING!

Famous Park Street Church, Boston, Massachusetts, where Dr. Harold John Ockenga is pastor, recently celebrated the 150th anniversary of its founding. Your general secretary represented Christian Endeavor at a special Anniversary Youth Rally on the concluding day of anniversary week. Dr. Francis E. Clark, the founder of Christian Endeavor, delivered a major message during the 100th anniversary celebration in 1909. Park Street Church, a bulwark of evangelical Protestantism in New England, has had an unbroken relationship with Christian Endeavor almost from its beginning. Like Christian Endeavor, Park Street Church, with its far-reaching missionary program, has a ministry that circles the globe. With pastor and people we rejoice at the way in which God has abundantly blessed Park Street Church and mightily used it for a century and a half. May His blessing continue as they embark on a second one hundred and fifty years.

Harold Westerhoff

'HE CHURCH FACES
AN EMERGENCY

nd Christian Endeavor Must Help Solve It

DR. GUY P. LEAVITT

itorial Counselor and former Editor, THE LOOKOUT Magazine

n our little three-year-old Peninsula istian Church here in Daytona Beach, rida, we've just been *compelled* to start new Christian Endeavor societies; one Juniors, and one for teen-agers. Another, h the teen-agers divided into Junior High Senior High groups, is just ahead.

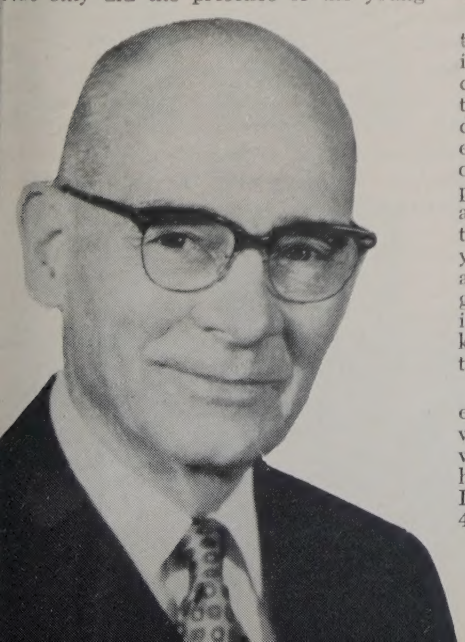
said "we've been *compelled*" to start m, and I mean just that. There were so ay young people of those ages that some- ng had to be done for them. They could be ignored. Their very presence de- aded attention, and they got it.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Phipps were called a conference with Gerald C. Smith, the nister, and with me, as director of Chris- n education, and asked to serve as spon- s. They readily agreed, were coached in ard to their duties, given the necessary nted helps, including a copy of THE RISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, and busy. The young people were informed our plans for them. They responded with ial youthful enthusiasm, and the first etings were held at 6:30 p.m. last Sun- , with 16 present. This week the teen- rs are meeting for a get-acquainted so- l at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phipps, l next week the Juniors will enjoy a ilar party. From these meetings it is nned that the organizational set-up will e form.

With this activity just getting under way, e comes a letter from Editor Phyllis Rike THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ORLD, asking whether I'll prepare this icle. The Lord had a hand in it!

The Emergency

Not only did the presence of the young people compel us to start our new societies, there also was divine compulsion.



The Lord led Francis E. Clark of Williston Congregational Church in Portland, Maine, to form the first Christian Endeavor society on the evening of February 2, 1881, because there was an emergency. The church needed to recognize the importance of its young people, and to train them for service. The church's history since that time reveals this divine guidance. The church now appreciates its young people and gives them their proper place in its program.

In recent years, however, there have been fewer young people than usual. The depression years of the 1930's saw the bottom almost fall out of the birth rate, particularly in those parts of the world where the Christian church prevails. Young people also were called into military service, and the former program for youth was upset. As a result, there were fewer young people around the church; just as there have been fewer young people than needed for employment in industry. It also has been easy to enroll in high school and college, because there were empty seats.

Then came the birth-rate "explosion" that began in the early 1940's and continues throughout the world. Census authorities estimate population in the United States will grow from the present 175 million to 272 million by 1980. Similar growth is anticipated throughout the world. One statistical prophet actually predicted that standing room only will be available for each human inhabitant of this globe within a comparatively short time if the present trend continues!

All of us have seen what this has meant to the public schools. Not long ago I was in Crown Point, Indiana, just south of Chicago, and Julian Moran, a vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, showed me a school building being erected in a cornfield, far from the center of town. He explained population was expanding so rapidly that the public school authorities, always on the lookout to provide the best possible education for our country's youth, and directed by the best possible advice as to growth of population, were getting the school house ready. They knew it would be needed soon. Their experts knew that homes would take the place of the cornfields.

That has been going on throughout the entire American scene, and around the world. Public school authorities have been working desperately to provide teachers and housing for the increasing army of youth. In the United States alone, there have been 4,000,000 newcomers born every year since the early 1940's. Those born at the beginning of this "population explosion," as the statisticians call it, are now well along in their teens.

College authorities are also greatly concerned. How will this increasing army of youth be cared for by the colleges? Someone has estimated that within a very few years there will be ten times as many young people knocking at the doors of the colleges as were seeking a college education only a year or two ago.

The Church's Problem

This mounting wave of youth, creating a problem for the public schools and now for the colleges, also challenges the church. First, the church's nursery felt the growing surge of attendance. Then the kindergarten department was overrun. The Primary, Junior and now the Junior High departments have been growing at an increasing rate. This growth will surge on into the Senior High and older youth departments in short order. In the church's Sunday school more classrooms and teachers are needed. The churches have been spending a record number of millions of dollars for educational facilities. They have been training teachers at a rate never before equalled. It is estimated there are now three million Sunday school teachers in America, and the number is rapidly increasing.

How about the expressional activities of these young people, their Sunday evening training sessions? This is the work of Christian Endeavor. This is where Christian Endeavor is providentially provided, with a tried and proven program, flexible enough to accommodate the flood growth department by department.

All that is needed is for the church to do as we are doing—provide Christian Endeavor societies for the youth. These young people are knocking at the church's doors. Never before have the churches of the land had such an opportunity. Fortunate indeed is that church which is using the Christian Endeavor program for all ages, ready to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

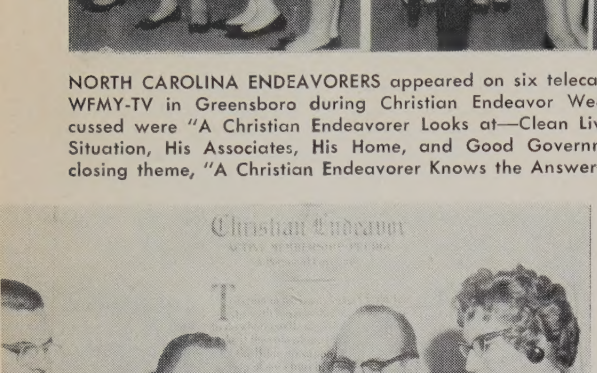
At stake are the youth of today, and the homes and the church of tomorrow. These young people, now so ready and eager for the church to welcome them, are tomorrow's citizens. They are the fodder for either the church or the world. If the church fails them, the citizenship standards of the nation will be lowered, and millions of promising young people will be lost eternally. Our concern for youth demands that we take immediate steps to meet the challenge.

The church needs these young people; it cannot afford to turn them away. Not only is their presence in church to be encouraged, but they are to be trained for service. That is the purpose of Christian Endeavor. It not only enlists youth, it trains youth to serve. Most of the preachers, teachers and officers in the church today came from yesterday's ranks of Christian Endeavor. Tomorrow's leaders need the same training that we first received as members and workers in a Christian Endeavor society.

That is why we have started Junior and teen-age societies in the Peninsula Christian Church in Daytona Beach, Florida, and that is why we are now planning for an older teen-age group. We have a concern for youth. We have a concern for the church. We have a concern for country. May every church in the land feel that concern!

NORTH CAROLINA ENDEAVORERS appeared on six telecasts over Station WFMY-TV in Greensboro during Christian Endeavor Week. Topics discussed were "A Christian Endeavorer Looks at—Clean Living, the World Situation, His Associates, His Home, and Good Government" with the closing theme, "A Christian Endeavorer Knows the Answer—Jesus Christ."

Pictured in the studio during telecasts are (left to right) Barbara Kell Becky Tingan, Diane York, and Lynda Pickard; Mrs. Ruth Bovender, Na James, and Mrs. Elmer Kiser (seated); Judy Buxton and Dick Strickla Barbara Allen; Gracean Whiteside, Judy Elkin, and Susan Moffitt. A Furr, who took the photos, was in charge of these programs.



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'59 Birthday Celebration

UPPER LEFT—Reviewing the program for the Tuscarawas County (Oh banquet at Uhrichsville Presbyterian Church February 6 are (left right) Rev. Otto Dreydoppel, toastmaster; Cecil A. Jeffery, Ohio Uni general secretary; Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of Intern tional Society, speaker; and Bette Spring, who presented awards. A proximately 285 attended.

MIDDLE LEFT—These youth appeared on television each day Janua 26-30 over Betty Bond's program, Station WSLS-TV, Roanoke, Virgin Joann Campbell, extreme left, Roanoke Union president, on the fi day gave the history of Christian Endeavor and the purposes of Chr tian Endeavor Week. The others who gave the closing moments ea day, presenting the Pledge, Purposes, and Principles, are (left to rig Ray Moyer, Jr., Hugh Dowdy, Jr., Nancy Pringle, Patricia Gallimo and Janet Branum.

LOWER LEFT—Seated at the head table during the birthday banquet San Jacinto (Texas) District Union January 30 at Parker Memor Methodist Church, Houston, are (left to right) Ann Rhymes and Kat Kovar (almost hidden); Charles Chance, president; Billy Phillips, m ter of ceremonies; Dr. Curtis McGinley of Baylor Medical Scho speaker; Julia Phillips, Marilyn Rosenkrantz, and Lynda Green.

BOTTOM LEFT—John C. Thuss, president of Philadelphia (Pennsylvan Union, receives official proclamation of Christian Endeavor Day—Fe uary 1—from Managing Director Donald C. Wagner (right) at City He

BOTTOM CENTER—Georgia Endeavorers who enjoyed a birthday d ner in Augusta on February 1 are pictured. Speaker was Alice Whit Jones (seated, center) from Richmond, Virginia. The dinner was ranged by T. Shep Clark (seated, third from left).

BOTTOM RIGHT—Honored as the oldest member present at the bir day banquet January 27 of Connellsville Branch, Fayette Cou (Pennsylvania), was Mrs. Robert Heffley (right). She is shown rece ing the centerpiece from Mrs. Robert Robbins, branch president. L Christian Endeavor, Mrs. Heffley is 78 years old. A member of Adult Society of Central Methodist Church, she has been an Ende orer for 66 years.

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Four Profiles:

Philadelphia Quiet Hour Leaders

p Leaders Selected for Daily Quiet Hour and ble Study Periods at International Convention

A quiet hour and Bible study period will in each day at the 45th International ristian Endeavor Convention in Phila- phia, Pennsylvania, July 6-11.

An innovation this year will be the divi- n of delegates into four age groups for this iod Tuesday through Friday. Saturday's gram will begin with the traditional con- tion communion service.

Here are the outstanding Christians who l direct these devotional study hours, ich will be geared to the needs of each group.

nior Highs—Dr. Clyde W. Meadows

Often called "The Flying Pastor," Dr. adows is minister of King Street United thren Church in Chambersburg, Penn- vania. He is a vice-president of the ernational Society of Christian Endeavor l a member of the Executive Committee. Well known as a song leader and speaker, Meadows is the author of several books l pamphlets and a leader in his denomi- ion.

Flying, music, and wood working are Meadows' favorite hobbies. He holds a vate pilot's license for flying light aircraft l has been flying for over 15 years.

nior High— v. George C. Lurwick

Minister of St. Luke Methodist Church of n Mawr, Pennsylvania, Mr. Lurwick has en active in Christian Endeavor for many rs. He served on the Northeast Branch Union of Philadelphia and was president of the Intermediates.

With his wife, Mr. Lurwick journeyed to Japan last year as a member of the Lacour Centenary Mission, in cooperation with the United Church of Christ in Japan. He made contacts with many Japanese postmasters as part of a goodwill international letter-writing campaign.

Young People—Rev. Arno Pagel

Scheduled to give a major convention address on Friday evening, Mr. Pagel is president of the German Christian Endeavor Union.

In this full-time employed post he comes in contact with many German youth. German Christian Endeavor Conventions usually attract six to eight thousand delegates. Mr. Pagel also travels regularly to camps, conferences, and tent mission evangelistic campaigns.

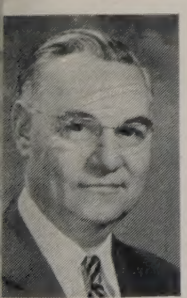
Mr. Pagel speaks excellent English and is an outstanding devotional speaker with a Christ-centered, evangelical message.

Adults—Dr. Norman W. Paullin

Professor of homiletics at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Dr. Paullin has addressed many Christian Endeavor conventions and rallies and has served as pastor-counselor of several local unions.

Dr. Paullin has also been a featured speaker at the American Baptist Convention, American Baptist Assembly, and at Ocean Grove Assembly Auditorium, Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

Since 1950 he has served with a team of ministers and educators in preaching missions throughout the southern states.



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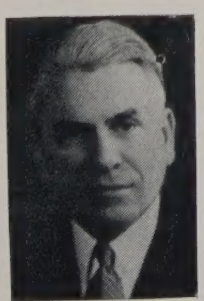


Dr. Norman W. Paullin

Philadelphia Convention details are right at the fingertips of this group of top local leaders. Pictured meeting with Harold E. Westerhoff (left), general secretary of the International Society, are (left to right) John R. Harper, Gordon McMordie, Frances M. Becker, John C. Thuss, and Arch J. McQuilkin.

Registration Contest News

As of February 28 Ontario Union leads in Division A in the Philadelphia registration contest of the International Society. Oregon is out in front in Division B.

Ontario has secured 36% of its goal in registrations. New York rates second in Division A with 22%, followed by New Jersey. In Division B Oregon leads with 40%, followed by Hawaii and Colorado in that order.

Awards are made each month to the unions showing the greatest registration gains. Ontario and Oregon copped honors January 31, with New York and Oregon taking the monthly awards of $10 on February 28. Unions placing second each month receive three subscriptions to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

Parade positions will be determined by the standings of unions at the end of the contest June 15. Also at stake are choice seats in convention sessions and award banners.

Registrations must be received in Columbus headquarters by noon on March 31 to count in the third report period.

Here's My Registration for Philadelphia!

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
1221 East Broad Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

(Please print or type)

Please register me for Philadelphia 1959. I enclose $4 (after June 30, 1959, fee is $5).

Rev., Mr., Mrs., Miss _____
(Circle proper title)

Street & No. _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

Church _____
(Give full name and denomination)

I am a member of the _____ Christian Endeavor Society or Youth Fellowship.

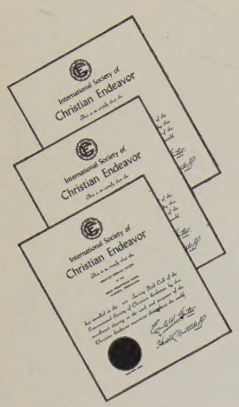
Local Union _____

State Union _____

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is _____

Age (if under 25) _____ Over 25, check here ☐

Registration secured by _____



HONORING...

Societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the 1959 Society Roll Call.

Special certificates have been given to these organizations. Those receiving gold seals have contributed $50 or more; red seals represent a gift of $30; and blue seals, a contribution of $15.

This list includes those who enrolled during the Mobilization efforts through February 28, arranged alphabetically according to states and provinces. As others make their enrollment they will be listed in future publications.

Gold Seal

Societies of Second Christian Church, Houston, Texas

Red Seal

District of Columbia Alumni Fellowship, Washington, D.C.
Adult, Metropolitan Community Church, Chicago, Illinois
Alumni Council, United Congregational Church, Oak Park, Illinois
Societies of First Christian Church, Hobart, Indiana
Bethel Reformed Church, Leota, Minnesota
Church of Christ, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

Blue Seal

Teen-Age, Calvary Reformed Church, Ripon, California
Clark V. Poling Post No. 64, American Legion, Washington, D.C.
First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Golden Rule Union, Washington, D.C.
19th Street Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Honolulu County Union, Honolulu, Hawaii
Territory of Hawaii Union, Honolulu, Hawaii
Senior Young People's, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison, Illinois
Memorial for Mrs. Billy Sunday, Illinois Union, Chicago, Illinois
Senior, Cross Evangelical and Reformed Church, Berne, Indiana
Junior, Howell General Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana
Union Chapel United Brethren in Christ Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Fairview United Brethren Church, Hartford City, Indiana
Fairlawn United Brethren Church, Kokomo, Indiana
Junior, Forest Grove Reformed Church, Hudsonville, Michigan
West Chapter Dynamo Club, North Kansas City, Missouri
Winfield Church of God, Sykesville, Maryland
First Reformed Church, Grand Haven, Michigan
Young People's, Woodcliff Community Church, North Bergen, New Jersey
Alumni Fellowship of New York City, New York, New York
Otterbein United Brethren Church, Rockford, Ohio
Franklin County Union, Columbus, Ohio
Adult, Oak Street Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio
Monticello United Brethren Church, Spencerville, Ohio
Geyers Chapel United Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio
Senior, Sherkston United Brethren Church, Port Colborne, Ontario
First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania
Junior and Intermediate, First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania
Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania
Muddy Creek Presbyterian Church, Butler, Pennsylvania
Junior High and High School, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Young People's, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Senior, Central Methodist Church, Connellsville, Pennsylvania
Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, East Petersburg, Pennsylvania
Bethel Evangelical United Brethren Church, Lickdale, Pennsylvania
Societies of Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania
Senior High, Windsor Baptist Church of Uwchland, Lionville, Pennsylvania
Montgomery County Union, Palm, Pennsylvania
Lebanon County Union, Palmyra, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, First United Presbyterian Church of Manayunk, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior, First United Presbyterian Church of Manayunk, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Northeast Branch Intermediate Union, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Alumni, St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Welsh Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, Pennsylvania
Fairfield Community Church, Stoneboro, Pennsylvania
Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church, Uriah, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas
Senior, Magnolia Christian Church, Houston, Texas
Harris County Union, LaPorte, Texas
Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia
Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia
Hope Chapel, Norfolk, Virginia
Roanoke Union, Roanoke, Virginia
Senior, Melrose Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Young People's, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Societies of Truax Congregational Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Junior, Plymouth Congregational Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Young People's, First Reformed Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Swamped by entries in the Citizenship Conte February 27, deadline date, are Robert C. citizenship superintendent of the Internationc ciety, and his secretary, Artis Brown.

Contest Entries In Hands of Judge

Entries in Christian Endeavor's ei Citizenship Contest are now being juc Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of International Society, reported a floo entries received in Columbus by Febr 27, the deadline date.

The contest is based on "A Lette My Editor" on SPEAK FOR CHRIST CITIZENSHIP! along with a service re indicating the character and activities o contestant. The new simplified se record in use this year met with r approval.

Letters were actually mailed by contestant to the editor of a local newsp and many are now being published.

State and provincial contest winners announced on March 20. Each of t competed in the regional judging, w was completed March 31.

Regional winners will be judged by International board of judges, which cludes Kenneth L. Wilson, managing e of CHRISTIAN HERALD maga A. Richard Diebold, Christian business of New York City; and Dr. Daniel K. Pc minister of Fort Washington Colle Church, New York City. Top winners be announced April 27.

Contestants are judged in two divisio Division A for all in 12th grade or be Division B for those who have comp 12th grade but were under 25 on Februa

The first award in each division is in cash plus a grant (to a maximur $200) for expenses of attending the International Christian Endeavor Conve in Philadelphia July 6-11. Second priz each division is $100, with $50 goin third place winners. For the next runners-up in the International finals in division there are awards of $25.

All winners will be presented with tificates of Recognition and special a emblems. All other qualified particip will receive Honor Certificates.

Write to Columbus for info mation about the Internation Society's COST - FOR - A - D MOVEMENT.

President Gates

ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

What should a young convert be taught?
The Bible, the habits necessary for Christian growth, prayer practices, the truth of salvation, God's plan for his life.

How can we get greater support for our Christian Endeavor society when the pastor is not in favor of Christian Endeavor?
Certainly it should never be our purpose to oppose our pastor. However, I am sure he will be favorably impressed by a Christ-centered program that shows real fruit. Plan your year's program carefully, give yourself devotedly to your tasks, keep the needs of your own church and denomination before you, and pray. Win him by love and results.

What is the motto of Christian Endeavor?
"For Christ and the Church."

4. *What happened to the advertising in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD?*
It was withdrawn last year to make more space available for youth news, topic materials, committee helps, etc.

5. *How can I keep my goal of the ministry or mission field in view when tempted or ridiculed?*
As for every Christian goal, keep your eyes on the Cross. Remember the One Who called you, and that He too was tempted and scorned. The servant is not better than his lord. Be sure of your call, then say, "This one thing I do—I press toward the mark. . . . " Read Philippians 4:13.

6. *Why do some schools not allow "Elvis Presley haircuts" and certain types of clothing?*
Because we are inclined to live up to, or live down to, our appearance. The majority of youth following these styles are social problems themselves, and create problems. Others, wearing the same, are inclined to put on the same manners, being identified with them.

7. *When should a boy be allowed: (a) To drive? (b) To have his own car?*
(a) When permitted by law, following adequate training. (b) When he is able to purchase and maintain it by his own earnings.

8. *What stand should a young Christian take on shows, dancing, drinking, and smoking?*
Each represents a different problem level. Each person must set his own moral standards in the light of God's Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Sin is a choice of the lesser when the higher is present. Set the highest possible goal, determine to follow it under all circumstances, trusting in Christ for strength. Remember the power of your example to others.

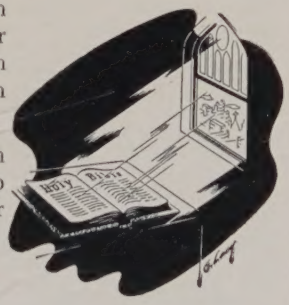
9. *On what grounds is divorce allowed by the Protestant Church?*
The only Scriptural basis, and that of a number of states, is adultery. Some churches have varying standards.

10. *What is a lifework recruit?*
One who has dedicated his life to full-time employed Christian service, and who is so shaping his life under God's direction.

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in nection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for y, 1959. These particular selections have been chosen ause they give valuable food for thought in connection h the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in er that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your ly Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

Apr. 27. Me and My House. Joshua 24:14,15.
Apr. 28. Home Piety. I Timothy 5:4,8.
Apr. 29. Witness at Home. Mark 5:18,19.
Apr. 30. A Worshiping Family. Psalm 122:1-4.
May 1. Pray Together. Matthew 18:19,20.
May 2. Future Value of Home Religion. Proverbs 22:4-6.
., May 3. Topic—Family Devotions in Our ome. Deuteronomy 6:6-9.
May 4. Moses' Mother. Exodus 2:1-.10.
May 5. Samuel's Mother. I Samuel 1:9-28.
May 6. A Mother before Solomon. I Kings 3:16-27.
May 7. A Canaanite Mother. Matthew 15:22-28.
May 8. John the Baptist's Mother. Luke 1:24,25,41-45.
May 9. Jesus' Mother. Luke 1:46-55.
., May 10. Topic—Mothers Who Light the ay. II Timothy 1:1-5.
May 11. The Holy Spirit before Christ. Isaiah 63:7-10.
May 12. The Holy Spirit Promised. Joel 2:28,29.
May 13. Work of the Holy Spirit. John 16:7-11.
T., May 14. The Guide to Truth. John 16:12-15.
F., May 15. The Spirit in Us. Romans 8:9-16.
S., May 16. Filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18-20.
Sun., May 17. Topic—Understanding the Holy Spirit. John 14:16-26.
M., May 18. Worship in Nature. Psalm 8.
T., May 19. Always at Work. I Corinthians 15:57,58.
W., May 20. Galilean Service. Luke 5:1-3.
T., May 21. Outdoor Conference. Acts 16:12-15.
F., May 22. Summer Bible Conference. Nehemiah 8:1-6.
S., May 23. A Purpose for Every Season. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.
Sun., May 24. Topic—Christian Endeavor Faces the Summer Months. Luke 6:47-49; I Corinthians 15:57,58.
M., May 25. A Happy People. Psalm 144:11-15.
T., May 26. Christian Democracy. Matthew 23:8-12.
W., May 27. Who Is My Neighbor? Luke 10:29-37.
T., May 28. Seeing One's Self. Isaiah 6:5-8.
F., May 29. Dwelling in Unity. Psalm 133.
S., May 30. Laborers Together with God. I Corinthians 3:8,9.
Sun., May 31. Topic — Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors. Philippians 2:9-11.

Senior-Young People's Daily Readings

M., Apr. 27. Jacob's Family. Genesis 35:1-7.
T., Apr. 28. Job's Family. Job 1:1-5.
W., Apr. 29. First Century Christians. Acts 10:1-4, 24, 44-48.
T., Apr. 30. Lydia's Household. Acts 16:14,15,40.
F., May 1. The Jailor's Household. Acts 16:25-34.
S., May 2. Piety Begins at Home. I Timothy 5:1-4.
Sun., May 3. Topic—"As for Me and My House." Joshua 24:15; Genesis 35:2,3; I Corinthians 16:19.
M., May 4. Moses' Mother. Exodus 2:1-10.
T., May 5. Samuel's Mother. I Samuel 1:9-28.
W., May 6. A Mother before Solomon. I Kings 3:16-27.
T., May 7. A Canaanite Mother. Matthew 15:22-28.
F., May 8. John the Baptist's Mother. Luke 1:24,25,41-45.
S., May 9. Jesus' Mother. Luke 1:46-55.
Sun., May 10. Topic—God Uses a Mother's Faith. II Timothy 1:1-5.
M., May 11. Pentecost Prophesied. Joel 2:28-29.
T., May 12. Assembling Together. Hebrews 10:23-25.
W., May 13. The Holy Spirit. Luke 24:47-49.
T., May 14. Unity. John 17:20-23.
F., May 15. Spirit Filled. Ephesians 3:14-19.
S., May 16. Testimony. Psalm 145:11,12.
Sun., May 17. Topic—On the Day of Pentecost. Acts 2:1-14.
M., May 18. Receiving the Word. I Thessalonians 2:13,14.
T., May 19. Religious Awakening. II Chronicles 30:1-12.
W., May 20. Saints' Fellowship. Malachi 3:16,17.
T., May 21. Good Doctrine. Titus 2:1-8.
F., May 22. Prayerfulness. Mark 1:32-39.
S., May 23. Preaching of Christ. II Corinthians 4:4,5.
Sun., May 24. Topic—It Spread Like Fire. Acts 2:39-42; 4:1-4; 4:32a; 5:14.
M., May 25. A Happy People. Psalm 144:11-15.
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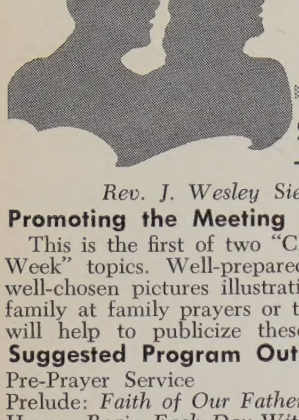

"As for Me and My House"

No. 1 in a Series: "Christian Family Week"

Joshua 24:15; Genesis 35:2,3; I Corinthians 16:19

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

*Rev. J. Wesley Siebert**

Promoting the Meeting

This is the first of two "Christian Family Week" topics. Well-prepared posters with well-chosen pictures illustrating a Christian family at family prayers or the family altar will help to publicize these topics.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *Faith of Our Fathers*
Hymn: *Begin Each Day With Jesus*
Scripture Lesson: Joshua 24:15; Genesis 35:2,3; I Corinthians 16:19.
Hymn: *Whisper a Prayer*
Announcements and Offering
Special Feature (A solo or Mother's Day reading)
Presentation and Discussion of the Topic
Questions for Discussion
Hymn: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
Roll Call (Have each member respond by quoting the closing line of Joshua 24:15: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord")
Consecration Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Benediction

Leader's Introduction

Religion begins at home! This is the sum and substance of this topic. St. Paul gathered up this thought in his letter to Timothy (I Timothy 5:4, Moffat): "The first duty of religion is to one's own household."

Let us not make the mistake of nodding our heads in consent, assuming that religion begins at home, without facing realistically and honestly some of the actual problems involved. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," isn't as simple as it sounds. In this topic we want to come to grips with some of the difficulties that are hindering "hearthstone" or "home" religion in our time.

First Speaker

The first of these problems is the puzzling fact that in the home where ties are the most binding, obligations are so loosely regarded.

Think of what these family ties were like in the past. Picture to yourself a home in the days when our parents were young. Evenings were usually spent in the home in close comradeship between the parents and the children. Parents did not think of leaving the children with the neighbors or with a "baby sitter" while they went out for dinner or an evening "on the town." Neither were children left at home unattended at night. Very often, if there was a social gathering of any kind, it was attended by the whole family.

Family ties were strong; there was a sense of "oneness" between children and parents not only in responsibility, but also in recreation as well. Just about all the ties some families today can be said to have are the purse-strings, and too often the children look to Dad to furnish the wherewithal for their whims.

There is great value in the "family council" where each member of the family can present his problems and express his needs and desires. Each member can then assist in clearing these problems and often one individual who thinks of his wishes as absolute needs comes to understand through this give-and-take process that the good of the whole family must be considered before personal privileges.

The family is God's idea, not man's. The Psalmist understood the divine intention when he wrote: "God setteth the solitary in families." The ties that bind members of a family to one another are not human arrangements that can be terminated at will. They are bonds that God created in His wisdom and sanctioned in His love. They are the most binding on earth.

Your parents have fulfilled their obligations toward you and have provided for your physical, mental, social and religious welfare. Let us remember that young people also have obligations in the home. "Honor thy father and thy mother" is written in the Divine Law. No situations or circumstances have ever altered that obligation. Indeed, it is of this duty that Paul wrote to Timothy (I Timothy 5:8): "If any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." As young people, our first duty as Christians is to give that honor, obedience, love and support to our parents that is their due and our obligation.

Second Speaker

The second of these enigmas or puzzling facts facing those who take "hearthstone religion" seriously is that in the home where such intimacy exists, success in human relationships is difficult to achieve.

We often assume that most of the differences between people are due to the fact that they know each other imperfectly. Oliver Cromwell once said to George Fox, "If only we spent more time together there would be fewer difficulties between us."

Undoubtedly there is truth in this; nevertheless, the opposite can also be true. The very intimacy of life in the h brings its own peculiar problems. We k each other so well and we assume so m that the very intimacy of our lives br strain and friction that can become seri

Maintaining the spirit of religion in home under these circumstances beco more difficult, but not impossible. J Himself experienced something of this cumstance in His home. For a time mother, His brothers and sisters did understand Him. He must have felt a d hurt when He realized that they were sympathetic and critical. Because He w not be swayed from His purpose, "I mus about my Father's business," He achie the great victory of seeing brothers who been hostile becoming disciples!

How we need the spirit of Christ, kindness, the patience, the forbearance, tolerance and the love of Christ, if we to live successfully with the members of family. Religion begins at home. To there is to fail in the first and most portant place in which God expects us succeed as Christians.

Third Speaker

The third of these puzzles facing u that in the home where the most effec teaching is done and the fundame attitudes toward life are cultivated, we doing so little to cultivate Christian attitu The home is both a school and a laborat There is no educational institution on e that can hold a candle to the home. yet, what a poor job we Protestant Christ do! It is estimated that 75% of all testant families have no religious life w ever in the family circle.

While we normally expect parents to the example and to give leadership "hearthstone religion," there have been m instances where some young person in family has taken the initiative and as for the privilege of conducting fa prayers. In one such home, a teen-a young man reads the Bible and offers prayer at the close of the evening each day and thus has become the spiri "head of the family."

The great experiences of Christianity reproducible. Fellowship with the God has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ is privilege of each Christian in what generation he happens to live.

In such intimate family worship, Chris experience can best be guided, clar and interpreted. Here our knowledge God may be increased and a sense of presence be developed. A consciousnes His comradeship may be experienced.

Religion in the home is not old-fashio God is not out-of-date. Families that find time for Ed Sullivan and Perry C can find time for God.

Give God a place in your homes. Give Bible a place in your homes. Make pr not only a private matter for the "s place," but make it a household cus

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Why have so many homes abandoned the practice of "family prayers"?

What can young people do to get a "family altar" started in their home?

When should it be conducted?

What should go into the make-up of such a period of family worship?

Is "saying grace" at the table enough?

Should the family hold regular "council" meetings when the family talks things over and discusses individual and family needs, likes and dislikes?

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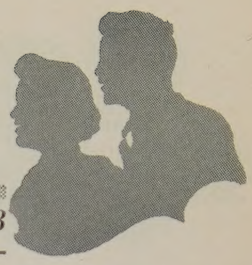
Family Devotions in Our Home

No. 1 in a Series: "Christian Family Week"

Deuteronomy 6:6-9



nior High (12-14 Years) *MAY 3*

*Mrs. Aldis L. Webb**

nning the Meeting

his is the beginning of Family Week. te your families to attend the meeting. ange the room informally, to be as *homey* ossible, with chairs, tables, floor lamps, ter rugs, etc.

n addition to an announcement in the rch bulletin, make a poster with the stion DO YOU PRAY TOGETHER? (or picture of family group reading Bible ead of words PRAY TOGETHER) AT JR (use either picture or drawing of a ie). Give time, date, and place of meet-

lake placards with slogans — *Families t Pray Together Stay Together; The nily Altar Will Alter Families.*

Jse family groups for special music, skit possible), and to give testimony as to the ie of family devotions.

rrange a devotional literature table with n Bible in center, and your own denom-ional devotional literature.

ggested Program

t Music: *God Bless Our Home*
der (deliberately):
Home is not just four square walls,
With pictures hung and gilded;
Home is where affection calls,
Where there are shrines that *love*
hath builded."
ipture: I Corinthians 13:4-8a
mns: *Trust and Obey; Faith of Our Fathers*
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ipture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
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estions and Discussion
ll Call (see suggestion)
mn: *I Need Jesus* or *More Like the Master*
ediction

scussion Helps

In the marriage ceremony we are re-nded that God founded the home in the y beginning of human history; therefore, s a most sacred institution. If all people nsidered this to be so, what effect would it ve upon the homes of today? What would the effect upon our nation? Why cannot home be the ideal which God intended o be without being a Christian home? Describe an ideal Christian home that you ow about. Why is it important for Chris-n young people to select a Christian for ife's companion? Can there be real hap-ess in the home when the members of home are not *all* interested in the epest things of life?

The prophet Amos warned against a mine in the land, and it was not a famine bread nor a thirst for water, but of *hear-the Word of God.* Do we need family votions in our homes to keep such a fam-from our country?

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AIMS

To emphasize the importance of family devotions.

To give definite suggestions for the enrichment of family devotion experiences.

The story is told of a Japanese girl who was attending college in America. When she was invited to spend the holidays with a classmate she was very happy because she had wanted to see inside an American Christian home. When time came to return to school and her classmate's mother asked her if she enjoyed herself, she hesitatingly answered, "I thought Christians would have more place for God in their homes."

In the days when harvest crews went from farm to farm to harvest the grain, they had come to Farmer Gray's. Farmer Gray always had family devotions every morning right after breakfast, but on this first morning he said, "Wife, we will not have time for devotions this morning; we must get to the field." At noon when the men came in tired and hungry, there was no dinner ready. When questioned, the farmer's wife answered, "I supposed that if you were too busy to read God's Word, that you would be too busy to eat, so I did not prepare any meal."

Henry Drummond once said, "The Christian family is the greatest influence in the world for the spreading of Christianity." Do you agree? Why? Does it do much good to learn facts about Christianity at church if we do not live the principles Jesus taught in our homes?

Everything worthwhile takes time. Our families gather *three* times a day to eat food that our physical bodies may be nourished. Is it not as important that we gather *once* a day that our spiritual selves might be nourished from the Word of God?

Suggestions for Family Devotions

1. Decide to do it. Decide *when* and *where (when* is most important).

2. As a starter, use daily readings as found in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

3. Memorize Scripture verses and longer passages.

4. Discuss meanings. Use more than one translation.

5. Memorize great hymns. Sing together.

6. Take turns leading.

Skit

Bob: Dad, in Christian Endeavor Mrs. Parr asked, "Do you have family worship or family devotions?" I didn't know what she meant. Susie laughed at me and said that she knew what it meant, but they didn't have them except when her Grandmother came to visit, and that wasn't very often. Howard said that they just say grace at the table, and that was all they had, but that it was long so that it was enough———

Dad: Idle down, boy. You're racing your motor. What did you tell her that we did?

Bob: Well I told her that we say grace, too, but that we just say, "Thank you for this good food, and bless everybody that cooked it, and help it to make us strong so we can serve the Lord better," but that we don't say, "Forgive us our sins" and a lot of other things.

Dad: And what else?

Bob: Well, I said that after supper every night you or Mom and sometimes Sister reads an awful good book about missionaries or somebody real exciting, then somebody reads a few verses from the Bible—me, if it is easy—and then we talk over what it means, and we all say a prayer.

Dad: And what did she say?

Bob: She said that was family devotions. But I still don't know what devotions means; I don't especially like that word. It doesn't sound good like interplanetary. That's a neat word, Dad, interplanetary.

Dad: What does that big word mean?

Bob: You know, Dad, it means between planets, kinda.

Dad: Well, I'll tell you what family devotions means. It is worship that is interfamilytary.

Bob: Gee, Dad, that's neat! I know what interfamilytary means. That's just between you and Mom and Sis and me, and that's the best kind of worship for me, I think. What do you think?

Dad: Church is important, too.

Bob: Church is awful wiggily for me.

Dad: It isn't as wiggily as it used to be, and some day it won't be wiggily at all. Jesus asked us to meet together in His Name, and when we do we are all God's big family. When we worship together we learn to love one another better.

Bob: Just the way that I like Sis better when we have family devotions?

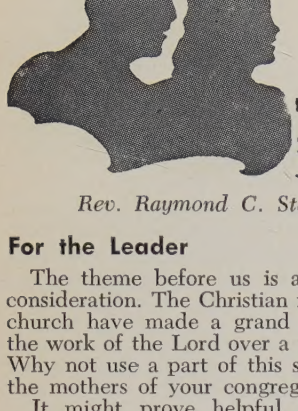
Dad: Yes, I think we all love one another better, then. We love one another better all of the time because we do have family devotions.

For the Sponsor

You will need to take the responsibility for securing suggested materials. You will also want to rehearse the skit, changing or making any additions you see fit.

For the consecration service the suggestion is made that an urn and a lighted candle be provided; that each Junior High be given pencil and paper and be asked to write one item which keeps him from a close walk with God. Have them one by one bring papers to the urn, set them on fire from the candle and place them in the urn, signifying their desire, with God's help, to rid themselves of the particular thing.

"The Cotter's Saturday Night" by Robert Burns would be an excellent special feature for this meeting.



God Uses a Mother's Faith

No. 2 in a Series: "Christian Family Week"

II Timothy 1:1-5

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

*Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart**

For the Leader

The theme before us is a Mother's Day consideration. The Christian mothers of your church have made a grand contribution to the work of the Lord over a period of years. Why not use a part of this service to honor the mothers of your congregation?

It might prove helpful to enlist three mothers to give their views. This does not mean that they should have the entire time. You as the leader ought to also speak on this topic.

Why not have your society secretary mail an invitation to all the mothers of the congregation to be your special guests for this meeting. It would be a nice gesture to present the oldest mother with some expression of your love and appreciation for all her services to the church.

Publicity

Cut out figures of women from any magazine and place them on a large poster. In the middle of the poster have these words, "Many Mothers, But Hear about the Faith of One." Sunday, May 10th—time, place, leader.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *I Need Jesus*
Poem (Selected poem on "Mother")
Scripture: II Timothy 1:1-5
Hymn: *Near to the Heart of God*
Prayers (by some of the mothers present)
One Minute Viewpoints (three mothers)
Announcements and Offering
Leader's Talk
1st, 2nd and 3rd Speakers
Our Aim and Life Problem
Discussion and Questions
Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
Period of Meditation and Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

We are well aware of the fact that this is a Mother's Day topic and reveals to us the influence of a godly mother and grandmother. Who of us can fully evaluate the impact of a mother's faith?

A recent writer remarked that one of the most pathetic incidents in the sinking of the Titanic was one of the last cries heard out of the struggling waters. It was told by a man who had literally swum off the sinking deck. A group of men had been standing near the bar having a last free drink. They were simultaneously pitched into the water. "When we came up there was a great shouting," said the survivor, "But I could only make out one voice distinctly. It was a cry, 'Mother! Mother!' "

If you carefully study the assigned Scripture lesson you will observe that the apostle Paul goes to the root of all that was excellent in Timothy; namely, his faith. It was "unfeigned faith," sincere and real.

The grandmother, the mother, and the mother's son, had the same faith; and the same fruits proceeded from them, else Paul would never have called it unfeigned, or said that it dwelt in them, or given them all three one and the same testimony.

In Timothy you have Christian faith in its morning. In Eunice you have Christian faith at noon, and in Lois you have Christian faith at the evening of life. Like the celebrated mothers of Augustine, of Chrysostom, of Basil, and of other illustrious saints of God, the life, sincerity and constancy of Lois and Eunice became vicariously a glorious heritage of the Universal Church.

It was the woman of Canaan who stood before Jesus with pleading persistence. We could say, "O woman, great is thy mother's heart! O woman, great is thy love!" Yet that is not what Jesus says. He says, "Great is thy faith." It was this faith He was always seeking and seldom finding.

God uses a mother's faith to teach us valuable lessons.

1. To press through the darkness up to God.

2. To follow on to know the Lord in a fuller way.

3. To enrich our own lives with the fruits of faith.

4. To ever remember where we see signs of goodness, we are to judge the best.

5. Behind the life of many a great man are the lives of many who have influenced him.

6. Who could fully estimate the influence of the lives that touched the home of Timothy.

7. A family is truly wealthy when it is rich towards God.

For further study we could analyze the life of the mother of Moses, the mother of Samuel, the mother of John the Baptist, and the mother of Jesus.

Napoleon said, "Let France have good mothers, and she will have good sons." H. W. Beecher wrote, "The mother's he is the child's schoolroom."

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PARTICIPATION AND DISCUSSION

1. What do you think are some of the fruits of unfeigned faith?
2. What contributions have come to you through the faith of your grandmother?
3. Can you mention any influential men who owe their education and power to the self-denial of their mother? (Ruskin—Lincoln —Gladstone)
4. Is it possible for a young person to go too far wrong if the child is truly loved by a mother of strong faith in God?
5. How did Jesus demonstrate His love for His mother?
6. What makes Mary, the mother of Jesus, a model mother?

1st Speaker

It was Kate Douglas Wiggin who wr "Most all of the beautiful things in come by twos and threes, by dozens, hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, r bows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cous but only one mother in all the world."

2nd Speaker

When you hear a man say he had much religion you can look around u you find a devoted mother whose h was touched by God. Countless are mothers who have urged their sons to grow their rebellion against godliness.

3rd Speaker

Timothy was a great worker in the e church. One of the reasons was that developing life was overshadowed by saintliness of his mother and grandmot In this atmosphere he was reared. "Train a child in the way he should go and e when he is old he will not depart from

Our Aim

To make very clear that the future society is in the hands of every mother her responsibility is great as she leads loved ones to faith in Jesus Christ.

Life Problem

Ned Nelson was a fast growing boy. seemed to get big suddenly. He b his mother's heart when he said he was big to attend Sunday school. What di tion would we give to this young man?

Illustration

Some years ago in Australia, a little woman found that her church needed lintel stone for the door; that is the h zontal top piece of a door frame. One her pastor entered her home and fo her lifting her prized hearthstone that had brought from her mother country. asked her what she was doing. She rep that she was giving her hearthstone to G having found that it fitted exactly measurement required for a lintel stone the church door. This unique story i parable which says all that needs to be at the beginning of Christian Family W

Hymns listed in program outlines in T CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have be selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONG This book, with an attractive red and whi paper cover, contains 113 songs and hym for youth meetings. Available from Intern tional Society of Christian Endeavor, 12 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Pri 50c each, $5 per dozen, $40 per hundred.

Mothers Who Light the Way

No. 2 in a Series: "Christian Family Week"

II Timothy 1:1-5

ıior High (12-14 Years) *MAY 10*

*Mary Lou Funk**

OUR AIMS

1. To become better acquainted with some famous mothers.
2. To inspire appreciation for Christian mothers.
3. To learn ways by which we can honor and help our mothers.

ılicize

Make and mail invitations to members their mothers, inviting the mothers to our guests. You might use the silhouette mother's head for the pattern.

Secure photos of all members and their hers and use on a poster advertising the ting. In addition to the place, time, etc., our meeting, add "See you all at Chris- Endeavor."

Have one of the girls who is going to esent one of the famous mothers in your ting make an announcement in Sunday ol. Or present one of the life problems, say, "Come to Christian Endeavor to- t and find out what Tom should do."

ınselor

erhaps those who have the responsibility ecuring the costumes for the mothers who t the way will need some special assis- e from you.

ggested Program Outline

-Prayer Service
lude
g: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
der's Introduction of Topic
pture: II Timothy 1:1-5
yer: A mother offers a prayer for mothers; son or daughter offers a prayer for sons nd daughters
thers Who Light the Way
cular Response
g: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
ediction

ader's Introduction

Abraham Lincoln, like many before and r him, attributed his greatness to the in- nce of his mother when he said: "I nember my mother's prayers, and they e followed me; they have clung to me all life. All that I am and hope to be I owe my angel mother."

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, a well-known ristian leader of our day and the president Wheaton College, wrote these words for dedication page of one of his books: ne great disciplines of life: to love God h all my heart, to receive the Lord Jesus rist as my personal Saviour, to learn the red Scriptures, to serve God and my owmen—these have come from my dear mother, to whom I gratefully dedicate little volume."

These two mothers and a host of other thers have been the guiding light of their s and daughters in spiritual living.

n our meeting tonight we want to become ter acquainted with a few of these thers. We also want to learn ways by ich we can honor our mothers and follow ir spiritual guidance.

thers Who Light the Way

Have four girls in appropriate costumes represent Jochebed, mother of Moses; Hannah, mother of Samuel; Susannah Wesley, mother of John and Charles Wesley; Susan Wright, mother of Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Unseen by the audience, behind a screen or curtain, have six boys to represent the above named sons.

After the introduction, have the four mothers stand before the audience, one at a time. As each one does so, the sons will describe their mothers. After each description the leader will have the audience identify the mother spoken of by her son or sons.

Introduction: We know very little about the mothers of some of our great men and women. Even those we do know more about are often overshadowed by their famous children. Tonight six famous sons are staying in the background as they present their mothers who were largely responsible for their success.

Moses: When I was first born my mother sensed that God had some special plan for me to fulfill. So, in spite of the circumstances of the day and with God's help, she overcame the circumstances and became a heroine in her daring efforts to preserve my life.

God blessed the courageous faith of my mother and led the Princess of Egypt to preserve my life and to ask mother to care for me the first few years of my life.

Although my mother's name—Jochebed—is very little known, my name is known the world over. But it would not be so if it had not been for her great faith in God. Early in life she taught me to have the same trust. That is why in my youth I chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, and that is why I became one of the greatest leaders of Old Testament times.

Samuel: I was a gift of God in answer to my mother's earnest prayer for a son. My name means "asked of the Lord."

Before my birth mother dedicated me to God. When I was yet a child she kept her promise to God and took me to the Temple to help God's servant, the priest.

Each year after that she faithfully visited me and brought me new clothing which she had made.

My mother is often referred to as the ideal mother of the Old Testament.

Chiefly because of the early spiritual training she gave me and because of her dedication of my life to God, I became one of the most outstanding leaders of Israel.

John and Charles Wesley: When we were yet children our mother felt that God had an important work for us to do.

Each week she had a special time with each of us to instruct us in the Christian way.

Early in life our mother taught us to follow a very rigid schedule. Doing everything methodically carried over into our adult life and was part of the background of the Protestant denomination of which we are considered the founders.

Through all the years, amid her household duties, mother took time for an hour of meditation and prayer every morning and evening. This two hours of fellowship with God each day was the power which fitted her to be the mother of two of the well known Christian leaders of the 18th century, one an outstanding preacher and the other a hymn writer.

Wilbur and Orville Wright: In our boyhood days our mother taught us Christian principles which guided us throughout life.

When King Alfonso of Spain asked us to demonstrate our invention on a Sunday, we politely refused. We did so because we wanted to honor the Lord and keep His day holy.

When we were boys our mother taught us to make the most of the little we had, and always by honest and upright means. She was our leader in hard work and creative genius. What an encouragement it was to us when she would patiently listen to our inventive ideas. And how it pleased us when she became a partner in our bicycle shop.

Memories of the times mother and father led us in our family devotions were an inspiration throughout life. Because of their faith in God and His plan for us they gave us the beginning which led us to world-wide fame as inventors of the airplane.

Circular Response

With everyone sitting in a circle discuss the following problems. The leader presents the problem. Then the first person on the leader's right expresses his opinion. This continues around the circle; no one is permitted to speak again until his turn comes up a second time.

1. Betty's mother has her own private devotions each day in addition to their family devotions. She has encouraged Betty to do the same. Betty thinks family devotions is enough, and she says she doesn't have time for private devotions too. What would you advise Betty's mother to do?

2. Bill's mother has prayed for him and talked to him many times about being a Christian. But Bill wants to be like his gang at school. He knows he will lose out with them if he accepts Christ and lives a Christian life. What should he do?

3. Ellen wants her mother to be a Christian. How can Ellen lead her mother to Christ?

4. Tom wonders: When a new friend calls for me is it necessary for me to invite my friend in to meet my mother? Why or why not?

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On the Day of Pentecost

No. 1 in a Series: "Start and Growth of the Church"

Acts 2:1-14

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

*Rev. Burton Weber**

Aims of the Topic

1. To learn more about the origin of the church and its significance for us today.
2. To see the place of the Holy Spirit in the establishment of the Church and its meaning to us today.

Promotion

Make up a number of cards about the size of calling cards with "On the day of Pentecost" printed or typed in the center of the card. Put the time in the bottom corner on one side and the place of meeting in the other bottom corner. Don't put anything else on the card unless really necessary. Make up as many of these as you can use. Give some to your regular members for them to pass out to their friends at school or at church and Sunday school.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Meeting Prayer Service
Sing Choruses
Closing Chorus: *Spirit of the Living God*
Prayer
Hymn: *He Lives*
Scripture: Acts 2:1-14; Joel 2:28,29
Leader's Talk
Hymns: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master; We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Announcements and Offering
Read: Chronology of Events
Topic Presentation
Discussion Questions
Illustration
Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
Benediction

For the Leader

It would help you to put this topic over and make it more interesting if you could write out the chronology on a blackboard and have it at the front of the group during the topic. Have everyone read it together.

Leader's Introduction

This is the day of Pentecost. It is generally considered as the birthday of the Christian Church. However, we ought to keep in mind that the Church was forming long before this day. Its origin goes back to the days of gathering together in the Upper Room following the resurrection; back to the last supper; back further to the beginning of Christ's association with the twelve; even back into the Old Testament.

But this day was outstanding. It was a day that saw the beginning of the world-wide mission of the Church. This was the first significant witness of the followers of Christ. It brought outstanding results on a day that had already brought such wonderful events that we consider it to be the birthday of Christ's Church in the world.

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Chronology of Events

Crucifixion—during the Jewish Passover
Resurrection—three days later
Appearances of Jesus
Ascension—40 days after crucifixion
Followers of Christ continued in prayer and supplication.
Pentecost—10 days after the Ascension or 50 days after the Passover.

Hebrew Background of the Church

The Feast of the Passover commemorated the deliverance of the Israelites from the tenth plague of Moses. This deliverance was by the sprinkling of the blood of the lamb on the door posts. Jesus was crucified at the time of this feast and we were delivered from the death of sin by the blood of the Lamb of God.

Fifty days after the Passover was the Jewish harvest festival called the Feast of Weeks. This feast was also called Pentecost in the days of Christ. Pentecost is from the Greek word meaning fiftieth. Men have discovered that this day of Pentecost was also the day commemorating the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. Thus on this same day we Christians remember the giving of the Holy Spirit as our guide. It is more than just coincidence that these events in the formation of the Church correspond with similar events in the Old Testament.

The Foundation of the Church

Read Luke 24:50-53. Is there anything in these verses that seems a bit strange? Read verse 52 again and you will see that the disciples returned to Jerusalem "with great joy."

Jesus had just left them permanently. We would expect them to be sad that Jesus had gone but they were not. Why? Because suddenly they were filled with the conviction that the Lord's death was not the end.

How this faith came about we may wonder but we cannot question that it came. It came to the early disciples and it came later to Paul. It gave courage to all the followers of Christ and was the foundation upon which the Church was established.

When Peter spoke on the day of Pentecost it was about the resurrection that he spoke. When, later, Peter and John annoyed the priests and Sadducees it was because they proclaimed the resurrection. This tremendous conviction became the foundation of the Church on the day of Pentecost. It still is today.

The Spirit Visible and Audible

There are a number of symbols to represent the Holy Spirit. Two of the more common symbols are wind and fire. Both of these were present on the day of Pentecost. The wind seems to represent the impetuous action of the Spirit. At times the Spirit seems to act like a wind which seizes an object and makes of it what He wants.

The fire seems to refer to the purifying action of the Spirit. As a refiner's fire burns out impurities so the Holy Spirit burns of us all that is not in harmony with will of God.

The presence of these two symbols Pentecost does not necessarily indicate nature of the Spirit's action on that d More likely these miraculous occuren were given merely as a means of identify and verifying the presence of the H Spirit.

The Gift of Tongues

Another strange and miraculous ev that happened on this day was the spe ing in tongues. If you have questi about this gift of tongues you can ask y pastor and he will probably be able to h you understand its meaning.

The full meaning of this event is diffi to determine and churches differ very m in their interpretation of the gift of tongu However, most churches will probably ag that this gift was another way of identify the presence of the Holy Spirit on that d

What Does Pentecost Mean Today

Every Christian church has its own se rate foundation to look back upon. But can all look back to the day of Pentecost the day on which the foundation of Church was laid.

Before this day the followers of Je gathered together for worship and praise on this day they actually began the w of reaching out to the world. That is the most important work of the Church as Christian Endeavorers we can contrib to that mission. The Holy Spirit will h us for in the Holy Spirit there is power.

Discussion Questions

1. Can you think of any previous casions when the Holy Spirit descen upon individuals? If you can't, look these references: Numbers 24:2; Juc 14:6; I Samuel 10:10; II Chronicles 15 Isaiah 61:1; Luke 1:41,67; 2:25.

2. What difference was there in th incidents and the coming of the Sp at Pentecost?

3. What can young people do to carry the work that was begun on the day Pentecost?

4. How can we today identify the p ence of the Holy Spirit in our own l and in the lives of others?

Illustration

Henry Drummond compared the Ch tian's dependence upon the Spirit to a pe diver's dependence upon the life-giving he receives from above while at the bot of the ocean. Without that air he could survive. He is entirely dependent upon source of life from above. The Christia entirely dependent upon the Holy S as his source of strength and power. Wit Him the Christian will surely fall.

Understanding the Holy Spirit

John 14:16-26

nior High (12-14 Years) *MAY 17*

*Dr. Jerome DeJong**

ntecost or Whitsunday

ow many members of your Christian eavor society are aware that this is tecost or Whitsunday? If the church in ch you worship is one that emphasizes church liturgy or the church year, you no doubt have heard at least something ut Pentecost. Many Protestant churches, wever, have neglected to celebrate this t festival of the church.

entecost is in origin an Old Testament t. It was celebrated fifty days or seven ks after the Paschal Feast. Its general racter was that of a harvest-home cele- tion for the wheat was practically every- re gathered in. It was for this festival a large crowd of Jews gathered in salem. It was on this day, ten days after Lord's ascension, that the Holy Spirit ne in power upon the early church. ave someone first read Acts 1:4-8 and n Acts 2:1-13.) It is this coming of the y Spirit that we are remembering today.

his is also called Whitsunday for in istian history it was this day on which Christians were baptized. The candi- es who were baptized wore white gar- nts.

he liturgical color of this festival of the rch is red because red represents fire and l. One of the manifestations of Pentecost , "tongues as of fire that sat upon each hem" (Acts 2:3).

o Is the Holy Spirit?

since this church festival presents ecially the work of the Holy Spirit, it is portant to know who He is. The King es Bible, with which you are probably best acquainted, translates these words *oly Ghost.*" In the meaning of the English guage today "ghost" means something te different than it did in 1611. We think a ghost as a "spook" or we think of llowe'en. This is why the new versions nslate the Greek as "Spirit."

The Holy Spirit, therefore, is a real per- . It is true that He does not have a form h as Jesus had, yet He is real. He is one the persons in God. This, we all confess, great mystery. Yet the Christian Church s historically taught that there is one God o exists in three persons: Father, Son, l Holy Spirit.

In order that Christians may understand s better the church has used symbols for ching about the Holy Spirit. The two st popular symbols are the dove (see tthew 3:16; John 1:32) and the seven- gued flame or lamp stand (Revelation 3; 5:12). (Such a book as Thomas A. fford's *Christian Symbolism in the Evan- lical Churches,* Abingdon, $2.50, is helpful this regard.) The Holy Spirit shows us e work of God in applying salvation.

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AIMS

1. To learn anew the meaning of Pentecost to the church and for our lives.
2. To review the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
3. To be inspired to live the Spirit-filled life to God's glory.

Christ's Promise

Have someone read Joel 2:28,29. This gives us a glimpse of the Old Testament expectation concerning the Holy Spirit. Peter, in his sermon at Pentecost, made it quite clear that the promised Holy Spirit had come. The Scripture lesson for today speaks of the coming of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-18). Jesus emphasized the importance of His own return to heaven in order that the Holy Spirit might come. Stop and consider for a moment the blessings which have come because Jesus returned and allowed the Holy Spirit to speak to men everywhere.

Christ's Work and the Holy Spirit

In the Bible the Holy Spirit is called the Comforter or Counselor. Read John 14:26. It is the task of the Holy Spirit to continually remind the church of the teachings of Jesus. Christians must remember that the Holy Spirit *never* contradicts the clear teachings of Jesus.

This is important to remember because young people will be meeting people constantly who insist that they have a special revelation of the Holy Spirit, some new and peculiar idea, different from all other Christians, which is attributed to the Holy Spirit.

The Christian and the Holy Spirit

Have someone read Romans 8:9-16. The Holy Spirit convinces us to the reality of faith. The only way in which we become Christians is through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is true that "whosoever will" may come. At the same time, however, every Christian will admit that he is saved only by God's grace through the Spirit. It is the Spirit that assures us of God's wonderful love.

The Christian's Life and the Holy Spirit

If we are truly Christians then our life ought to be changed. How can we keep on being Christians? It is fine to make a good start but how are we going to remain strong? Who will help us? We must also realize that the Christian's life is a constant fight. We have to stick to it! Here the Holy Spirit helps us. Have someone read Ephesians 5:18-20. To be filled with the Spirit means to have the real joy of God in our hearts. We will be surprised at the good times we can have in spiritual things if we truly serve God.

The Broader Work of the Holy Spirit

Have someone read John 16:7-11. The Holy Spirit is said to guide into all truth! The Holy Spirit is said to be the author of the inspiration (II Peter 1:21) of the Bible. The Holy Spirit also maintains truth in the universe. Pause for a moment to remember that *all* truth is maintained by the Holy Spirit of God. It is He, for example, who inspires great teachers, philosophers, and inventors.

Applying the Work of the Holy Spirit

It is important for all of us to ask, "What does this topic really mean to me?" It means that Christians everywhere who sincerely love Christ may also possess the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Some have suggested that in order to have the Holy Spirit we must speak in tongues. Others maintain that we must be able to perform miracles. However important these things are for some people, and although we respect their convictions, we are nonetheless convinced that the Holy Spirit dwells with us too. He it is who gives us joy and peace. And it is He who prays for us (Romans 8:26). May we know this Spirit better and understand Him more.

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

It is a fine thing to talk about the work of the Holy Spirit and to say that it affects our lives. However, as young people we want to be practical. We expect *great* things from the Holy Spirit. But we often neglect the *small* things. Many who have evidenced great outward faith have had no Christian virtues to back them up. Let us notice how the fruit of the Spirit really is practical. Galatians 6:22: "But the fruit of the Spirit is:

love—for parents; fellow Christians; brothers and sisters; enemies. Is this easy?

peace—peace in the heart, peace with God. Here is the secret for world peace.

patience—anxious to do God's will even if it takes time. Can you take it?

kindness—just a cup of cold water in His Name. Have you ever thought that this includes animals?

goodness—a basic rightness of heart. You cannot hide from God.

faithfulness—always at it. Has someone asked you to do something—again?

gentleness—not answering back; not fresh; being loving to all.

self-control—the hardest of all. He that rules his spirit is better than he that rules a city.

Are you, my fellow Christian Endeavorer, a real Spirit-filled Christian?

Worship Suggestions

Scripture for this meeting ought to be John 14:16-26. Hymns that are appropriate are: *Blessed Assurance; Have Thine Own Way, Lord; With Thy Spirit Fill Me.* The chorus, *Spirit of the Living God,* is a good theme for this meeting and could be sung prayerfully during the meditation period and at the conclusion of the service.

It Spread Like Fire

No. 2 in a Series: "Start and Growth of the Church"

Acts 2:39-42; 4:1-4; 4:32a; 5:14

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

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Our Aim

To study the powerful effect of Pentecost, the Day of the Holy Spirit, on the growth of the young Christian Church. As life means growth, so the spiritual life implies growth and extension. As members of the Church we can experience the presence and the effectiveness of the Spirit as truly and as fully as those early Christians.

For the Leader

The leader should review the material for the previous Sunday carefully and relate the Bible passages for both Sundays clearly.

It would help if the leader would draw for himself and for the group a series of concentric circles on a blackboard with the Jerusalem church as center. The succeeding waves of growth and vitality could then be represented by the other circles.

Or the picture of a wheel might be used, with the Jerusalem group as the hub and the spokes running out to the rim. Emphasis should be placed on the fact that we today are a living part of that wheel.

Publicity

Place posters of the concentric circles and of the wheel in the church and with attractive lettering ask such questions as these: Are *You* in the Circle? Where Do *You* Fit in?

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *Spirit of the Living God*
Scripture: Acts 2:39-42; 4:1-4; 4:32a; 5:14
Sentence Prayers
Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
Announcements
Offering
Prayer
Hymn: *Rise Up, O Men of God*
Leader's Talk
Discussion of Topic
Closing Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Friendship Circle and Benediction

Leader's Preparation

This is the second of two topics on Pentecost and the tremendous significance of this day. Because our minds are fond of illustrations, figures of speech, and symbols, we can use them to make truth clear.

Drop a stone into water and concentric circles are set up in wavelike formation. The movement is away from the center,.

A wheel must have a center or hub, spokes, and a rim. Imagine such a wheel growing and expanding. Christianity was like that. In terms of our topic it spread like fire which always begins at one spot and spreads swiftly. Have you ever tried to keep a grass fire within bounds?

Fire needs air. The wind will fan a flame. That is how the Holy Spirit blew upon thousands of lives and made out of sinners Christian saints.

In recent years, F. F. Bruce has written an excellent book entitled *The Spreading Flame*, (Eerdmans, $5.00) the story of the rise and development of Christianity. The title fits in beautifully with our topic.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why are there so few hymns about the Holy Spirit?
2. What is the relation of the Holy Spirit to salvation?
3. Discuss revivalism and reformation. Distinguish.
4. What really makes the churches the Church?
5. How do we differ from that early Christian Church? How are we one with it?

Overcoming the Local

The earliest Christians were Jews. The Jews had been a favored people. God had called them for a special mission as the Old Testament clearly reveals. But one of the greatest lessons they had to learn was that God was to be not only their God.

Christianity stressed the universality of the new faith. In Acts 2:39 Peter, inspired by the Spirit, says: "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

The Gospel would go forth to all people and nations. It would be preached far beyond the boundaries of Palestine. And that is exactly what happened. The book of Acts relates the story of how the Gentiles also received the Good News and became Christians. Paul was chosen to be the great apostle to these "outsiders."

In Acts 2:41 we read that many received the word gladly and were baptized, and three thousand were added to the Church in one day. Acts 4:4 tells us that five thousand were converted. That was a tremendous growth within a few days.

We may wonder at times why conversions do not come pouring in like that today in spite of the efforts at revivalism. Even the Billy Graham campaigns do not report such figures. But we should keep certain matters in mind. The early Church was Spirit-filled. It was small and needed immediate growth to make its mark. And we should remember that for two thousand years the Christian Church has expanded and achieved great things under God. Its tide will ebb and flow. Its fire may become a spark, but that spark is always blown into flame in God's good time.

Overcoming Opposition

In Acts 4:1-4 we read of opposition to the new faith. The disciples were put in prison for preaching the resurrection of Jesus. That was only the beginning. They would be imprisoned again and again. Stephen and James would die. Paul would be beheaded. Thousands of martyrs would lose their li but the flame would never be quenc The blood of the martyrs (witnesses) came the seed of the Church.

We read that in spite of, and perh because of, the imprisonment many heard the word believed, and the num was five thousand. No evil power could out these spreading flames.

Christianity has thrived on opposit Many of the pages of the history of Christian Church are stained with hu blood. That should not be considered ex ordinary in a religion that draws power f the great stain of Christ's blood on Cross.

When the aged Polycarp, a disciple Saint John, was about to be burned at stake, he said that he could not and wo not renounce that Christ whom he served for so many years. The flame of faith and loyalty was greater than the f of persecution.

Overcoming Division

Faith and love overcame divisiveness that early Christian community. Acts 4 tells us: "And the multitude of them believed were of one heart and one so neither said any of them that ought of things which he possessed was his own; they had all things in common."

One heart and one soul speak of unity the faith. Christians are bound to through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Sp They experience communion and fellows We feel that on the Lord's Day and union services. We know it to be throughout the world. Do we not conf "one holy, catholic (universal) church"?

We believe this although we do not ways practice it. Denominations have ari and there are historical reasons for th But all splits and divisions are not justifi The sectarian spirit, perhaps well-mean but unwisely directed, has done and do great harm.

Yet there is unity in variety. Christ at their best still hold to one Lord, one fa one Church. Faith and love are excel binders. In the early church Christians their possessions and shared with oth That was a beautiful spirit. But it was like Communism which rules with the fist and denies the Lord of Life who g us Himself, the Faith, and the Church, the spreading flame of Christianity.

Will your society be represented at the International Christian Endeavor Conventio Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 6-11? A g program is planned, with outstanding spea and leaders and many special features. For plete information write to International So of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad St Columbus 16, Ohio. Plan now for Philadel Fill up a car load or two and participate in great convention!

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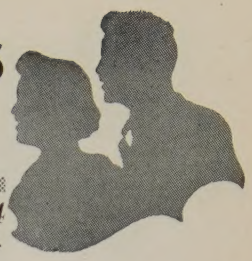

Luke 6:47-49; I Corinthians 15:57,58

nior High (12-14 Years) *MAY 24*

*Mrs. Richard Cattermole**

blicizing the Meeting

sters entitled, "What Are You Doing s Summer?" or "How Are You Spending r Summer?" with pictures of people icking, swimming, boating, etc., cut from gazines and mounted on construction er, and the time and place of the meet- at the bottom of the poster, would re- re a minimum of effort and yet would attractive.

vance Information

Make a survey of all available events summer. Be sure to include the Inter- ional Christian Endeavor Convention to held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 1. If you need more information, write the International Society of Christian deavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Colum- 16, Ohio. If at all possible, plan to e representatives from your society at- d this great convention.

find out what your local church plans far as a summer program, as well as to at is available in your denomination. ke these plans known to your group. Also rn the summer plans of your local Chris- Endeavor Union and encourage your iety to participate.

ggested Outline for the Meeting

-Meeting Prayer Service
ening Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*
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ripture Discussion

This Scripture lesson for discussion could entitled, "Obedience Means Victory," d can be tied in very well with the idea not "giving up" society meetings in the mmer. We challenge anyone to find the ice in God's Word which indicates we ould take a vacation from His work at y time.

bedience

Read Luke 6:47-49. This story of the use built on the rock is familiar to most us. The important thing Jesus teaches re is that after we listen to His voice, the xt step is to obey.

There are many fine examples of obedi- ce to God in the Bible: Noah—Genesis 6:22; Abraham—Genesis 22:2,3; Joshua—Joshua 11:15; Hezekiah —II Kings 18:6; Joseph & Mary—Luke 2:39; Paul—Acts 26:19; Christ—Hebrews 5:8.

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Jesus Christ obeyed His heavenly Father, as recorded in the following verses: John 14:31; John 15:10; Romans 5:19; Hebrews 10:9.

As well as showing obedience in His life here on earth, Jesus also said some things about obedience. He said:

(1) To be one of God's family we should obey, do His will (Matthew 12:50). Isn't it a fine thing to hear Jesus call us His brother, sister, or mother—He does this when we listen to His voice and do what He says.

(2) If we obey we can know what God wants us to do (John 7:17). How shall we know what God desires of us if we are not prepared to listen to His voice and obey Him.

(3) If we really love Him we will obey His words (John 14:23). When we truly love we want to make the person whom we love happy. Jesus says if we love Him the first requirement is obedience. Then He promises that we shall enjoy close fellowship with God and Himself.

(4) Obedience means the difference between "profession" and "possession" (Matthew 7:21). Just because we call Jesus "Lord" does not mean we really love Him with our hearts. It may be only a lip-profession. Seeking to do His Will is heart-possession.

Prompt Obedience

One day, near a country station, a switchman was preparing to turn on a switch on a track. He wanted to switch the train which was approaching on to a different track to prevent its collision with a train that was coming from the opposite direction. Just as he started to throw the switch, he saw his little son playing on the track where he was going to switch the approaching train! What could he do? If he did not turn the switch instantly, the lives of hundreds of people might be lost! He cried to his son, "Lie down!" The son, who was accustomed to obeying his father promptly without question, did as his father commanded. The father threw the switch, and the heavy train thundered over the boy. As soon as the train had passed, the father rushed forward to where his son lay, fearful lest he would find a mangled corpse. To his joy he found his boy alive and unharmed. His prompt obedience had saved him!

This is the sort of obedience we should have to the voice of Jesus Christ. When something is to be done for Him, we should not hestitate a moment, but obey promptly.

Victory

Read I Corinthians 15:57,58. It is human to look for rewards, prizes, gifts, to want to know we have won something or accomplished the thing we set out to do. The Apostle Paul reflects this feeling when he thanks God in the 57th verse for giving Him victory.

Verse 58 is good basis for the argument that we should never close our Society meetings because of vacation months, since this verse tells us to "always abound in the work of the Lord"—that leaves no time for vacation or "time out."

Victory in our lives, God's Word tells us, can be over several areas. They are as follows:

(1) Victory over evil influences of men (Psalm 44:5). There are many kinds of evil in the world and sometimes it seems as though there is nothing the child of God can do. We have God's assurance in His Word, however, that evil will someday be punished and the obedient children of God will have victory!

(2) Victory over severe hardships (Romans 8:35-37). What a wonderful promise here that we shall be "more than conquerors" over all sorts of afflictions when we obey God—a "super victory"!

(3) Victory over worldly allurements (I John 5:4). This verse reminds us that those who keep the commandments of God can overcome the world, regardless of the attractions of the world which are sometimes very tempting.

(4) Victory over all the powers of Satan (Revelation 15:2). The presence and influence of the Devil can make a Christian's life very miserable. We shall have the satisfaction of a complete victory over Satan as this verse indicates. John sees, in his vision of the future "them that had gotten the victory over the beast."

Your Summer Program

Spend part of the time in the meeting planning your program for summer. Plan it as conscientiously and minutely as you do for fall and winter months.

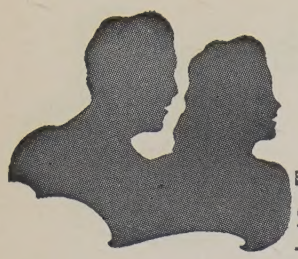
Why should there be any time of year when the work of Jesus Christ slackens? Vacation months should be planned more earnestly, if possible, than the other months of the year because some of your number will be absent from time to time and discouragement is oftentimes easier with a smaller number in the meetings.

Keep your society meeting during the summer. Prove you can accomplish something during this period. If you prefer, plan to meet at the homes of members, in community parks, etc.

If you absolutely must disband, plan to do things together as a society several times during these months.

Present all the facts you have gathered regarding the summer schedules of your local church, your denomination, your local Christian Endeavor union, and the International Convention. From this develop your society schedule of things you would like to do and to accomplish this summer.

Are you making maximum use of the various Christian Endeavor publications and helps which are available? At your request a Christian Endeavor literature and supplies catalog will be sent to you without charge Just write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor in Columbus, Ohio.



Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors

Philippians 2:9-11

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

*Dr. W. W. McKinney**

Promoting the Meeting

This absorbing topic is the interdenominational mission study theme. Much helpful material has been published by Friendship Press. It is available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor or from your denominational headquarters. Write early to allow plenty of time for a wise selection by the leader.

Enlist also the cooperation of the missionary society of your church and your pastor to learn among which of your neighbors your own denomination is most active.

Dramatize the meeting by announcing it as a conducted tour among our North American neighbors. Distribute free tickets for an air flight to Canada, Alaska, Hawaii and Mexico. Your local travel bureau will gladly furnish you illustrated folders. Secure a *Political Map of North America*, 45 x 30 inches, to paste on the wall to mark the progress of your trip.

Groups in Canada will wish to substitute a visit to the United States.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Meeting Prayer Service
Prelude: *Jesus Calls Us*
Hymn: *I Am Thine, O Lord*
Scripture: Philippians 2:9-11
Consecration Hymn: *Near to the Heart of God*
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Leader's Introduction
Four Guide Reports
Hymn: *In the Service of the King*
Benediction

Leader's Introduction

Our chartered four-engine plane is warming up to carry us on a quick visit among our neighbors. Living close to us, these young people have problems similar to ours with similar religious and educational needs. As we travel we will note their chief concerns are for health, education, faith, fun, friends, a vocation and a future with opportunities of service.

Due to differences in climate and economic conditions, their manner of life differs from ours in some respects. In some places the color of their skin varies from most of us. But all are our brothers and sisters. We can help one another through mutual understanding and an exchange of ideas. Our trip will include four countries with four guides. Our first stop is Canada.

First Guide

As our plane lands we at once feel at home. Except for different flags and currency, we might never know we had flown across the unarmed border which unites two peoples of similar backgrounds and interests.

It is Sunday, so we worship with our Christian Endeavor friends whom we have met at conventions. We have a pleasant surprise. Church attendance, especially on Sunday evenings, is more popular than in many parts of the United States. People know their Bibles better and have greater respect for the Lord's Day, with fewer places of business open and with less commercialized recreation. We find greater church unity. In fact, 75 percent of all Canadian Protestants are enrolled in one of three large denominations.

But when we land in the large province of Quebec, we note great differences. The people are mostly of French ancestry and speak the French language. Here reside 60 per cent of all Canadian Catholics. They are devout, poor and more backward than the rest of Canada.

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AIMS

1. To become better acquainted with our neighbors.
2. To understand somewhat their problems and their spiritual resources.
3. To discover ways in which we can help through prayer and Christian stewardship.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Among which of our North American neighbors would you prefer to live? Why?

Should Hawaii be granted statehood like Alaska? Answer in the form of a debate.

What phase of our missionary work seems most encouraging in Alaska, Hawaii and Mexico?

Second Guide

We have flown over the snow-capped mountains of Canada and are now landing on one of the numerous forest-covered islands of southeastern Alaska. On the island of Metlakatla we are greeted by Christian Indians who for more than a half century have been enjoying Christian communism. Most of the people are salmon fishermen or work for good wages in the community-owned canning or lumber factories. Almost everybody belongs to one of the two Protestant churches. There are good schools but no taxes, no saloons, no smoking.

We cross the channel to Ketchikan, the salmon capital of Alaska. What a change! Saloons and vice abound. The churches are weak. The population is native Indian and American whites who have come to Alaska to operate the fishing industry and the newly established pulp mills. Many native Indian villages dot the shore line beyond Ketchikan. The Christian Church is at work among them but the majority retain their pagan worship. Fish forms their chief food supply and their source of support. Tuberculosis is at times as prevalent among Indians as among whites.

We leave Juneau, the capital city and the center of the gold mining industry, to fly further north to the large cities of Anchorage and Fairbanks. Here we are confronted with all the typical problems and vices of rapidly growing American cities. Prices and wages are at least 50 percent higher than in United States or Canada. Many soldiers man the elaborate military defenses. The two cities are connected by the only railroad in Alaska which runs through fabulously fertile Matanuska Valley. A this valley are many American homestea who are served by Bert Bingle, a trave missionary. See *Reader's Digest* 1953 the life story of this remarkable Chris

Third Guide

A delightful overnight plane ride f Anchorage across the Pacific Ocean br us to Honolulu, on the island of O Music, flowers, perfect climate and a cious hospitality make our stay a delig experience among the Hawaiian fri we met at Christian Endeavor conventi As we travel we observe a strange mix of races and religions. The whites and na Hawaiians are outnumbered by Japan Filipinos, Portuguese, Chinese and Pu Ricans. Temples of many religions abo

Christians are a minority group. Pr tantism has not increased numerically past one hundred years, though the p lation has multiplied because of the i of laborers in the sugar and pineapple dustries. Less than 10 percent of Japanese and not more than 8 percen Chinese belong to Protestant churche

Racial and religious intermarriages frequent and socially approved. Problem integration are almost non-existent. An e going toleration toward all religion re in much religious ignorance and indiffere Mormonism has grown rapidly and numbers any of the Protestant denon tions.

Fourth Guide

We return homeward by way of Me a land of contrasts where marked differe in language, race and culture have resu in mutual misunderstanding and suspici

The national language is Spanish, result of three centuries of Spanish d nation and intermarriage with the na Indians. About 74 percent of the pe are of mixed blood, 15 percent are Inc and only 11 percent are native or for born whites. At least 43 percent are illite The dominant religion is Roman Catholi which claims 96 percent of the people

The hope of the future lies in the rece developed public school system. Laws fo religious corporations, both Catholic Protestant, to enter the field of educa but these laws are poorly enforced, espec in the larger cities.

About 55 percent of the people liv communities of less than 2,500. Hi wages in the United States result in a y exodus of migrant workers, thus dra from the farms the better grade of labo

Protestant missionary work is la through itinerant evangelism and the d bution of Bibles and religious tracts. ligious prejudice makes it almost impos for Protestants to attain high positio government life. Within the last fifty y Protestantism has grown rapidly but is only 2 percent. It is hampered by reli bigotry and much property damage physical violence and persecution.

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nior High (12-14 Years) *MAY 31*

*Dr. Raymond M. Veh**

the Leader

lere's a topic to stretch horizons for y Christian Endeavorer. To cover the re subject in one night is a big order, it is possible to stimulate continuing cerns and studies. The leader should ide additional resource materials which be found in the study book, *Always Answer,* containing a series of feature ies about our North American neighbors. price is $1.50. The guide, *How to Use ays an Answer'* offers varied plans. cents.

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-Meeting Prayer Service
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the Poster

n a cardboard draw a globe. Outline th America and adjacent islands. Letter se words over the globe: Are We ghbors? Are We Concerned for Other th? Let's Talk About It in Christian deavor Tonight—p.m.

the Presentation

Why not have a "This Is Your Continent" gram? An announcer should be chosen l then should work out with the counselor l selected other Endeavorers this program. imitation "mike" could be made and d.

ANNOUNCER: You are tuned to channel O-N-T-I-N-E-N-T. Stay tuned for to-ht's presentation of global outreach.

MUSIC: "O Canada" (fades out)

ANNOUNCER: Tonight we take pleasure presenting the stories of countries who uld be neighbors. We'll have youth tell of these countries. Come in, Canadian uth, first of all.

CANADIAN YOUTH: Recent statistics m Canada underline its current position strength in the world economy. With a pulation recently estimated at 16.9 million, ich is only slightly larger than the popu-ion of New York State, Canada is today fourth trading nation in the world. In dition Canada leads the world in the pro-ction of nickel, asbestos, platinum and wsprint and is second in world production aluminum, hydro-electric power, zinc, anium, pulp and gold.

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OUR AIMS

1. To cooperate in the seasonal missions emphases of the Protestant denominations.
2. To understand the needs of countries on this continent for the Gospel and what is being done to meet them.
3. To become better neighbors with North American young people.

QUESTIONS

1. How can we make our own country a great opportunity for the Christian Church?
2. Is a mixture of Roman Catholicism and paganism true Christianity? Can such a religion inspire a faith that truly redeems?
3. Why is it essential for a Central American to know why he is an Evangelical?
4. In what ways are the happenings in the Caribbean important to us?
5. How can the Dominican Evangelical Church and the Church in Puerto Rico begin to reach greater numbers?

Very few Canadians admit a lack of religious faith. About 53 per cent of the people are said to be Protestant.

As tourists well know, Sunday in Canada is a "different" day. There are no Sunday papers, movies, or shopping hours, Across most of the country there are no Sunday charge-for-admission sports.

Canadian youth are active in the church. There is a strong Ontario Christian Endeavor Union that holds a big annual convention and conducts a through-the-year program of activity. There is also a Canadian Christian Endeavor Union which includes the entire dominion.

ANNOUNCER: Thank you, Canadian Youth, for this fine presentation. Now let's go to Central America. Come in, Central American youth.

CENTRAL AMERICAN YOUTH: A look at the map reveals that there are seven Central American republics: Guatemala, British Honduras, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama.

A Central American once remarked, "You never hear of Central America unless we have a revolution." There is unfortunately much truth in that statement. Revolution and unrest in Latin America make the headlines of our newspapers.

Many Indians still live in these countries. Spanish-Roman Catholic culture with its superstitions and practices was grafted upon the deep-rooted Indian culture.

When it is said that the missionaries bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people and that they hear it for the first time in their lives when they hear the missionary, it is literally true. The fact that Jesus Christ was born of the virgin may be known in Latin America. The good news, that by repentance and through faith in Him people may begin now a completely transformed and eternal life, was not known until missionaries came.

Superstition and illiteracy, poverty and disease must ultimately give way to the healing, cleansing power of God's love through Christ. When that time comes, a new day will indeed dawn for Central America.

ANNOUNCER: It's fascinating to hear of these countries. Now let us go to the Islands of the Caribbean area. Come in, Youth of Dominican Republic.

YOUTH OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: By air the Dominican Republic is only a little over four hours or 800 miles southeast of Miami, Florida. Other than Cuba, it is the largest country in the Caribbean, being about the size of New Hampshire and Vermont, combined. Haiti, however, has almost twice as large a population as the Dominican Republic's 2,121,000 inhabitants. The climate is warm and tropical, ideal for growing sugar cane, coffee and bananas. The mahogany grown here is among the best in the world.

The island is nominally Roman Catholic so far as religion is concerned, the government having signed a Concordat with Rome several years ago making it compulsory to teach the Roman Catholic religion in the public schools. Nevertheless, the majority of people have only a very nominal connection with the Roman Catholic Church.

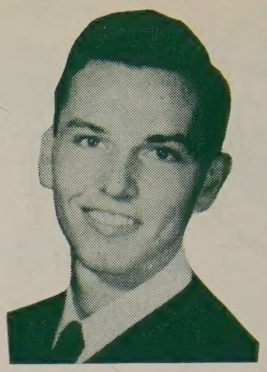
In view of the Concordat with Rome, the amazing thing is that the Dominican Evangelical Church, a united church composed of Methodists, Presbyterians, and Evangelical United Brethren working cooperatively together, has real religious freedom and has been officially recognized by the government.

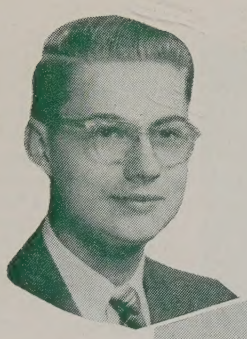
Most of the churches have an active group of youth and often they make up the bulk of the choir. Although they have no cars in which to make "jalopy raids" (private cars are not too plentiful among the population in general) they are willing to walk and call on their friends and bring them to church with them. This past summer they had their second youth institute and their second volunteer service project or work camp.

YOUTH OF PUERTO RICO: Our situation in Puerto Rico is quite similar. We have a United Protestant Council but other denominations carry on work here, too. Challenges confronting Christians in Puerto Rico today are by-products of our age. One is materialism, the responsibility for which can be placed largely on the United States and its high pressure mass media advertising. Puerto Ricans are subjected to the same kind of promotion of the same products as their fellow citizens on the mainland who enjoy a much higher standard of living. A false sense of value is often the result.

In the eagerness to make rapid social and economic progress, there is danger of losing sight of moral and spiritual values. Many Puerto Rican young people in this sputnik age look to science for the answers to their questions. They need guidance and spiritual counsel.

ANNOUNCER: Thank you one and all! And so we close this presentation of "This is Your Continent," with the prayer "May God continue to guide and bless you."





IT PAYS TO BELONG!

Society and Fellowship Leaders . . .

All across North America certificates are being received by Chris tian Endeavor societies, announcing that the society has enrolled in the International Society. Societies giving $15 receive a blue seal certificate. Red seals are used on certificates to those groups giving $30 while gifts of $50 or more merit a gold seal.

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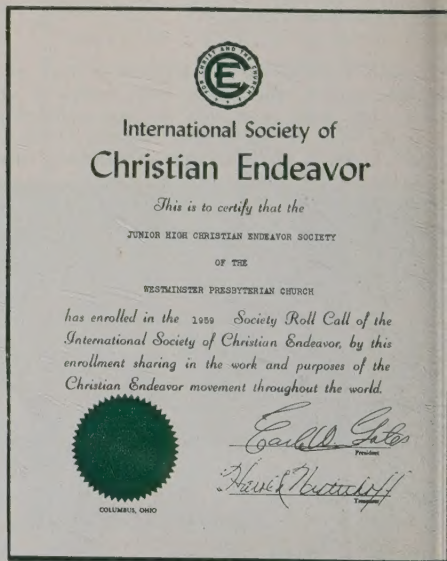
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